Decline in revenue collection

†718. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in revenue collection of direct and indirect taxes at some of the centres during the first six months of the current financial year in comparison to the last years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for less revenue collection and the steps taken by Government to remove the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) So far as direct taxes are concerned, net collection has shown an overall increase of 12.38% over the last year's collection. However, there has been a decline in revenue collection in some of the centres during the first six months of the current financial year in comparison to last years. As far as indirect taxes are concerned, the comparison of revenue collection at Commissionerate level may not be possible due to recent restructuring of the field formations.

(b) The details of the centres where there has been a decline in direct taxes collection are as under:

(i) Ahmedabad
(ii) Jalandhar
(iii) Patiala
(iv) Nagpur
(v) Patna

(c) As regards direct taxes, issue of huge refunds resulted in decline in revenue collection in some centres. The steps taken by Government to remove the shortfall include annual action targets with special emphasis on collection of arrear demands, monitoring of Advance Tax Collection and Tax Deducted at Source. As regards indirect taxes, all possible steps are being taken to maximise the growth in revenue collection.

Switching over to RTGS for high value denominations

719. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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